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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

KIM ET AL.

Examiner

Robert J Mendoza

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 May 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hoshino et al (USPN 5,742,571).

Hoshino, in FIGS. 1-12, col. 2:30-67, col. 3:1-60, col. 9:20-67, col. 10:1-67 and col. 11:1-22, discloses a roulette driving apparatus used with a roulette-type disc changeable player rotating a roulette with a gear provided thereon and where a plurality of discs are loaded comprising a motor having a rotation shaft, a worm gear installed on the rotation shaft of the motor and a driving gear rotating while geared to the worm gear and to the gear provided on the roulette, transmitting power generated from the motor to the roulette Hoshino, in FIGS. 1-12, col. 2:30-67, col. 3:1-60, col. 9:20-67, col. 10:1-67 and col. 11:1-22, discloses a reproducing wherein once one of the discs is selected, the roulette rotates to position the selected disc on the reproducing unit. Hoshino, in FIGS. 1-12, col. 2:30-67, col. 3:1-60, col. 9:20-67, col. 10:1-67 and col. 11:1-22, discloses transmitting power from a motor by directly applying a force from a worm gear installed on a rotation shaft of the motor to a drive gear engaged with the worm gear and the gear provided on the roulette. Hoshino, in FIGS. 1-12, col. 2:30-67, col. 3:1-60, col. 9:20-67, col. 10:1-67, col. 11:1-22, col. 17:60-67, col. 18:1-67, col. 19:1-67, col. 20:1-67, col.

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21:62-67 and col. 22:1-20, discloses a motor, a worm gear driven by the motor and a driving gear to transmit power generated from the motor to the roulette, wherein the driving gear rotates in contact with the worm gear and the gear provided on the roulette. Hoshino, in FIGS. 1-12, col. 2:30-67, col. 3:1-60, col. 9:20-67, col. 10:1-67, col. 11:1-22, col. 17:60-67, col. 18:1-67, col. 19:1-67, col. 20:1-67, col. 21:62-67 and col. 22:1-20, discloses a recording and/or reproducing unit, wherein the roulette rotationally positions a selected disc from the plurality loaded in the roulette on the recording and/or reproducing unit.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-5 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to R. Mendoza whose telephone number is (703) 305-7345. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:00am to 5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the primary examiner, John Hotlaing, can be reached at (703) 3058-0780. The USPTO official fax number is (703) 872-9306.

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